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KEARNY MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING OVER \$500,000 IN BANK ROBBERY

NEWARK, N.J. – A Kearny, New Jersey man who allegedly stole over \$500,000 in a single bank robbery appeared in Newark federal court this afternoon on charges arising from that and related robberies, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Robert K. Martin, 39, was arrested Friday by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and detained pending his initial appearance this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Michael S. Shipp. Judge Shipp ordered the defendant detained following the proceeding.

According to the Complaint filed in Newark federal court:

On May 4, 2010, Martin entered an Oritani Bank in Union City, Hudson County, New Jersey, where he waved a silver revolver and demanded money and access to the vault. The tellers went into the employee area behind the safety glass and locked the door, and Martin was unable to steal any money.

Martin entered a Sovereign Bank in North Arlington, Bergen County, New Jersey, on May 11, 2010, and announced he was robbing the bank. After displaying his revolver, Martin rounded up three bank employees and two customers and ordered them to the teller entrance. He made the head teller open the door, demanding entry to the vault. Martin took the contents of the vault as well as the money from the teller drawers – a total of approximately \$510,293, which he carried out in a green garment bag that he had brought with him. He drove away in a black, old-model two-door SUV, which was later found burned out in a remote location in Kearny.

The May 11, 2010, Sovereign Bank robbery was the fourth in a series of bank robberies or attempted bank robberies, including the May 4, 2010, attempted robbery of the Oritani Bank, the April 20, 2010, robbery of that same bank, and the April 13, 2010 robbery of a TD bank in Weehawken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

Martin is charged with one count of attempted bank robbery and one count of bank robbery. If convicted of the charges, Martin faces a maximum potential penalty of 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each count.

In determining an actual sentence, the judge to whom the case is assigned would, upon a conviction, consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the

defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Fishman credited the FBI's Newark Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, along with Kearny Police Department, Union City Police Department, Weehawken Police Department, North Arlington Police Department, and the U.S. Probation Office – District of New Jersey for the work leading to the identification and apprehension of the defendant.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sam Stern of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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Defense counsel: Lisa Mack, Federal Public Defender, Newark, New Jersey